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Applicant: Kazuhiko NIMURA

Group Art Unit: 2831

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For: ASSEMBLY FOR SHIELDED TERMINAL AND METHOD FOR
ASSEMBLING SHIELDED TERMINAL

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated December 16, 2002, setting forth a three-month shortened statutory period for response to expire on March 17, 2003 (March 16, 2003 being a Sunday), Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejection in view of the herein contained amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1 and 5 as follows (a "marked up" copy of the claim amendments is provided as an attachment to this reply):

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